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The Oregonian.

PORTLAND, WEDNESDAY, JULY 31.

THE WORLD MOVES.

There is a sort of men who have a natural fondness for the speculative, as against the historical method of inquiry. Idealism is preferred to experience, and there is little or no security against speculative delusion. Among persons so constituted there is a reliance, conscious or unconscious, on a non-historic and ideal condition of things, or the individual. The tendency is to the vagaries of socialism, and, in proportion as this philosophy fixes its grasp on minds that have thought less than others, and fortified themselves with less observation, its tendency is to become distinctly anarchical. Every wise observer verifies this for him.

ABSOLUTE WASTE.

The sentiment that found, in the dreadful calamity that overtook the people of Pennsylvania last month, consolation in the assurance that the disaster would "stimulate business," reckoned from a common, but curious delusion. Regarding the matter wholly from its material aspect, and leaving out the loss of life and the suffering caused by this crowning disaster in our country's history, it is clearly impossible that advantage could accrue to the country, or to any portion of it through the absolute waste of wealth that is caused. The sole business of organized society, through the ramifications of its varied interests and industries, is the creation of wealth by human agency. The floods in Pennsylvania alone, last month, simply annihilated tens of millions in wealth that had been so created. It takes no laborious analysis to show that society is just that much poorer than it was three months ago. A vast amount of human energy must be expended before the sum of wealth will stand just where it stood before the breaking of the South Fork dam sent the waters of the Conemaugh reservoir on their voyage of destruction. As a result, not only the individuals in the community directly affected are poorer than they were before, but the hand of disaster has been far-reaching, tying together industry, hundreds and even thousands of miles away, and causing a deficit caused by the infinite waste of a people's resources.

A vast number of logs went sweeping down the Susquehanna; the prices of lumber were no doubt advanced by the scarcity induced, and the individual who happened to be out of the way of the flood realized a double price for his timber. "Business was stimulated" for him, but the community paid the added price.

The statement that war is an actual benefit to a country is not an unusual one, and the extraordinary demand created by stress of circumstance and absolute necessity of speedily supply makes business active in wartime. There is no doubt of that. But what of the prices that the people eventually pay for this increased activity? The enormous figures of the public debt statement, and this nation's significant answer to this question, and these will continue to proclaim for years to come that the total loss induced by this "business activity" in which a few men suddenly and fabulously rich, was frightful. The result of the civil war was worth the money. Humanity paid for ages reap the benefits in liberty, but in a fraction of time the cost was heavy, and it must be paid to the aftermath of suffering.

All waste is loss. This is a principle that extends from the domain of the household, where small things are taken into account, to that of labor strikes, which impose waste of time and of man's train of evil consequences upon society. The foul may profit by calamity, and the individual who stops the wheels of industry, by the quarrels that result in war. But the many pay the bills, and they are heavy in proportion to the waste involved.

The very highest conceivable condition of society," says an industrial journal, "is the active employment of all men at productive industry and the complete preservation of the products of such industry." This is an ideal state and forever unattainable. But the principle remains, and while it remains it is not to say pernicious, to urge the society to take care of the individuals who comprise it, and compel every man to turn the use of his energies into the common final object—utterly the incentive to individual ambition, and practically, therefore, are final civilization, fatal disorder, fatal to freedom, fatal to progress. The basis of all these is the development and maintenance of the highest personality and individual freedom, and least possible interference of society therewith.

There is a side of religious teaching that lends support to these destructive social theories. Christianity is often above law, and, while it only has been strong by application in practice of what it has commanded by precept. The doctrines it received from its founder inculcate principles to wrong, contempt of riches, improvidence that takes no thought of the morrow, almsgiving that experience shows does infinite mischief, and community of goods that strikes at the basis of private property and the motives to individual effort. Selfishness, unquestionably, as all other human motives, has its abuses; and yet he who would propose to eliminate selfishness from the world would deprive the world of that which alone is capable of drawing from our imperfect natures that strenuous and enduring exertion from which all progress springs.

Rev. E. W. Copeland on Sunday last at Tacoma preached a sermon on Bellamy's novel, in which he said that "looking backward" was a good title, for the great social problems of the day are in decline, and with the proposed church has altogether lost sight of it. The church has indeed lost sight of it, but it has been obliged to do so, or die. It has been compelled to conform its practices to the requirements of modern civilization and to its multifarious life. The doctrines taught by Jesus and quoted to support those theories were preached to a people whose range of knowledge and of life was extremely narrow; a people who knew nothing of the vast possibilities of human action and human achievement and the motives thereto, and who moreover were taught by Jesus himself to expect the immediate end of earthly things. In such circumstances riches were denounced, men who had wealth were exhorted to distribute it, because it was an obstacle to virtue and a stumbling block to eternal life, and moreover the spirit of kindness to fellow men, if not of all men, was lost sight of. The church of to-day is a very different thing. Life has infinite complexity; life is one; the end of the world is not believed to be at hand, and through Christ denounces riches. Christians cherish love. When, therefore, a minister invites Christians to go back to the simple doctrines of primitive times—doctrines wholly unfit for the conditions of the present day—doctrines that would annihilate all human energies and carry the world back to barbarism—and erect upon them. Doctrines an ideal social structure, under whose roof all things are to be in common, individuals extinguished and society to take care of everybody, he is simply asking Christianity to do what is impossible, or what, if it should seriously attempt, would lead Christianity to speedy destruction.

Mankind is now at an immense distance from the social conditions that produced the social theories stated by Jesus and the apostles, and can no more return to them than to the conditions that produced the literature of the Homeric cycle, or the geographical and astronomical theories of the Ptolemaic.

The Country Week Association of Philadelphia is now in the height of its busy season. During the week ending July 20, between 600 and 800 children of the poor were sent by this benevolent charity to different localities in the country where arrangements had previously been made for the abundant supply of fresh fruits, milk, eggs and bread.

and foreign orders from \$17,050 to \$1,255, \$944 the cash deposit from other postmasters increased from \$1,780,872 to \$12,335,23. The gross amount of busmess transacted increased from \$4,403,074 to \$6,497,032, showing a gross increase of \$1,094,932; in other words a gain of over 25 per cent. With such a remarkable exhibit, there is no necessity for Portland to adopt the methods of sharp exaggeration to inform the world of her steady and permanent business development.

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and arid lands, if properly irrigated, would support 100,000,000 people. Mr. Richard Hinton, the expert, estimates that it would cost \$80,000,000 to reclaim all this arid area. England has expended \$10,000,000 in irrigating the arid lands of East India, and the investment has brought profitable returns. The estimate is that it costs an average of \$16 per acre to introduce artificial irrigation, which is less than the cost of clearing land.

Americans are great borrowers. John Winthrop mortgages every foot of estate which he owns, because he can get money at 4 and 5 per cent, use it in his business and make a clear profit of from 12 to 15 per cent. Now comes Guthrie, Oklahoma, a town of tents and shanties, and its people have already voted in favor of the proposition to borrow \$30,000. We seem to forget that this day comes around some time.

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